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SUBJECT: BARZANI PROBLEM

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1. I AGREE THAT KEY QUESTION IS WHETHER USG APPEARS TO BE FACILITATING POLITICAL ACTIVITY ON BARZANI'S PART, NOT HIS PHYSICAL WHEREABOUTS. OF COURSE, IF HE ENGAGES IN POLITICAL ACTIVITY, PARTICULARLY PUBLIC ACTIVITY, WHILE RESIDING IN THE UNITED STATES, IRAQI REGIME WOULD BELIEVE THAT HE DID SO WITH USG CONCURRENCE, IF NOT ACTIVE SUPPORT.

2. ON BALANCE, I RECOMMEND THAT USG NOT MAKE ISSUE OUT OF BARZANI'S TRAVELS OR PLACE OF RESIDENCE, PARTICULARLY SINCE OUR LAWS LIMIT ABILITY OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH TO CONTROL THESE FACTORS. INSTEAD, I RECOMMEND THAT USG CONCENTRATE ITS EFFORTS ON INSURING THAT HE NOT ENGAGE IN POLITICAL ACTIVITY, PARTICULARLY IN PUBLIC. FORTUNATELY, THERE SEEM TO BE POSSIBILITIES FOR TRADE-OFFS WITH BARZANI AND HIS FOLLOWERS IN RETURN FOR THE ACTIONS BARZANI WANTS FROM THE USG.

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